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Independent photos by James Otzman

On Friday afternoon a crowd protesting police brutality gathered in the parking lot outside the Meijer garden center on Belleville Road to listen to speeches and then marched west on Tyler Road to the Van Buren Township Police Department where there were more speeches. After listening to comments from local officials, protestors marched back down Tyler to the intersection of Belleville Road and took a knee for eight minutes and 46 seconds to mark the time it took George Floyd to die in police custody in Minneapolis on Memorial Day. Police in scout cars and on motorcycles closed Belleville Road and Tyler Road for the safety of the marchers.

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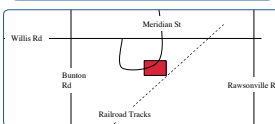
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SECOND FRONT PAGE



VBT Planning Commission considers senior living complex

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A proposed development for senior independent living needs two approvals to deviate from zoning ordinance restrictions, so the project went before the Van Buren Township Planning Commission for comments from commissioners to guide the future decisions of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

At its regular meeting via Zoom on June 10, commissioners heard a presentation by Beth Ernat of Clover Development. Ernat has attended commission meetings over the past two years seeking guidance in the development her firm was planning for VBT. She also helped with the township's new ordinance for senior housing.

Ernat said Clover has 17.72 acres of vacant, unused land under contract at 8470 Belleville Road, between Tyler and Ecorse on the west side, next to State Farm.

She said they plan to divide the plot and keep a two-acre outlot for future commercial development.

She said Clover has been in business for 30 years and develops only market-rate, independent living for those 55 and older. It is not a HUD project, but it is able to restrict the ages because of HUD rules.

"These are active communities, not full-service or assisted-living," she said, explaining each unit has a full kitchen and washer and dryer, so the residents are completely independent.

She said a study has shown that within three miles of this site there are 20,000 people over the age of 55. She said housing values are over \$177,000 so people can live in the apartments over 10 years without using any social security income.

Ernat said the development pays full property taxes and doesn't impact the school district. The building is 137,580 square feet with 9,600 square feet of accessory structure.

She said the building is three stories and has a wooden frame, an elevator, and is ADA compliant. Each unit has private outdoor access, with a patio or balcony.

The units are one and two bedrooms and there are 40 enclosed garages.

The complex would have planned activities, a community room, beauty salon, exercise room, and, also, a central laundry, she said. There would be storage spaces available for rental.

Ernat said planned are 125 units, which is 7.9 units per acre, with outdoor recreation in the rear.

She said this is in the Belleville Road Overlay District. The out parcel would be kept for future commercial use and the building set back for the residents to be within the wooded area. She said they would not clear-cut. They want the building to be reminiscent of home.

Ernat said it is conveniently located with access to Belleville Road, Ecorse Road, Michigan Avenue and I-94.

The two variances that they will be seeking concerns the building's siding and the garages.

She said they plan durable siding on 70% of the building, instead of the brick

required by the zoning, and the ordinance calls for maximum accessory buildings of 4,800 square feet and they propose 9,600 square feet for the garages.

Ernat said these are to have affordable rents in non-subsidized living enclosures, and brick is not affordable. They plan stone and Hardieplank board siding.

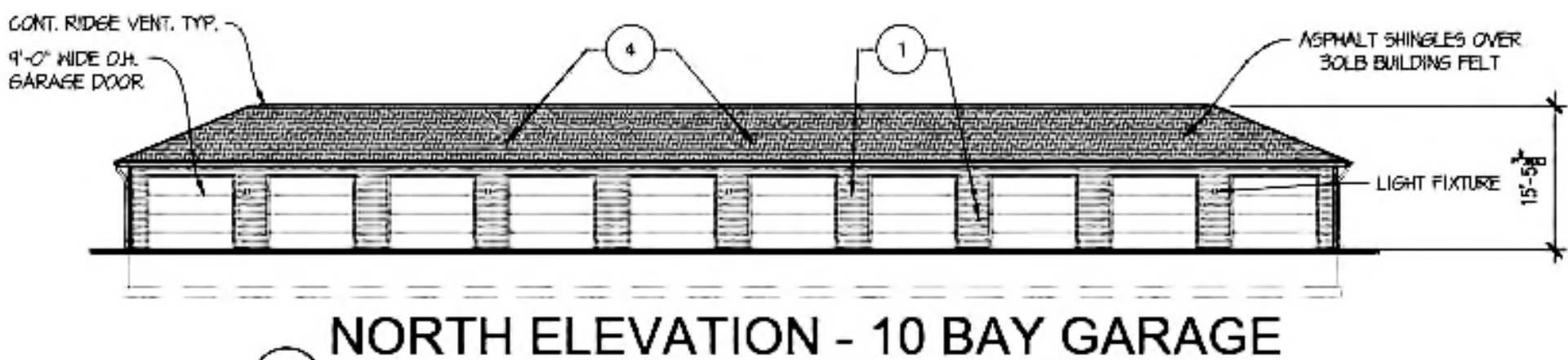
She produced pictures of other senior living structures and said the brick looks institutional and not home-like.

Dan Power, VBT Planning Director, said the planning commission would be involved in the preliminary and final site plans for this development, but that evening they are just being asked to give their feedback to the BZA on the plans.

He said Clover will be making their case for relief with the BZA and the planners can help the BZA make the decision by offering comments.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna Associates, said allowing financial hardship as a reason would

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBТ police give detailed reports

Last Friday's two-and-a-half-hour protest march of 150 to 200 people in Van Buren Township went off without incident, except for the woman who collapsed from heat exhaustion.

Thus began the detailed report by Public Safety Director Greg Laurain and Police Chief Jason Wright at Tuesday's regular virtual meeting of the VBТ Board of Trustees. As Supervisor Kevin McNamara said, "We've never reported these numbers before."

Board members complimented police on how well the march went and also for the way the department has been functioning.

Police everywhere are under a microscope right now and the VBТ police showed transparency with what they've been doing and how they've been training.

Laurain said the death of George Floyd was "grotesque, inhumane and just wrong" and sickened law enforcement across the country, including in VBТ.

"We have professionals answering the calls," Laurain said, detailing the training on use of force and de-escalation.

Chief Wright reported in 2018 there were 23,592 calls for service, 1,394 arrests, and 22 uses of force, which were reviewed in detail and found appropriate. A taser was discharged twice.

In 2019, there were 24,172 calls for service, 1,549 arrests and 36 uses of force, all scrutinized and found appropriate. A taser was pointed three times to get compliance with no firing.

We'll give more of the report in next week's paper. Transparency has arrived.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Belleville City Council meeting on Monday shut off its Zoom transmission abruptly at the end of the agenda, following a comment by the mayor and before Citizen Comments. We understand the next meeting will be a continuation of this meeting, so they can have Citizen Comments before adjourning that meeting and starting the new meeting.

Don't you just love virtual meetings?

For a long time, Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger has been asking for a precise accounting of where all the \$180,000 of the public safety tax levy was being spent. He has been lobbying for a new fire truck for years and finally they put \$20,000 or so aside for a truck in the future. That's for a \$500,000 truck.

When that public safety tax was levied, residents were told it would be used for public safety only. So, Chief Loranger asked just what is it being used for.

At Monday's meeting, the paperwork on the budget amendments spelled it out in black and white: "Unbudgeted revenue of \$180,000 was received from the public safety assessment. That revenue was enough to cover the reduction in revenue from constitutional sales tax [\$22,350] and district court fines [\$50,000]. In addition, it covered the increased costs related to retirement payouts [\$27,800], general fund support of the cemetery fund operations [\$24,860], insurance premiums [\$36,770] and pension expenditures [\$22,120]."

This public safety assessment is not being used for public safety, as Chief Loranger suspected.

Since the city had agreed to take \$295,000



out of its fund balance for the sea wall and only had to take out \$65,000 because of a grant, couldn't it have used some of that fund balance money to balance its budget instead of taking the money promised for public safety?

A Sumpter resident called to tell us that the corner of Bemis and Lohr roads is very dark at night and that the missing street sign makes it hard for people to find where they want to go and causes accidents.

He said the street sign has been gone since it was knocked down last September. He would like someone to put up the sign. He says that drivers, himself included, slow down to try to find Lohr in the dark when they are driving on Bemis and then, sometimes, have to turn quickly, causing accidents.

According to the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, the percentage of local residents responding to the 2020 U.S. Census so far are: City of Belleville, 70.9%; Van Buren Township, 68.8%; and Sumpter Township, 58.1%.

The percentage of those throughout Southeastern Michigan is 71.2.

The numbers determined by the census determine the state's number of representatives in Congress, federal aid to this area, and other important determinations.

It's time to be counted, if you haven't yet responded.

Jim Wigginton of Van Buren Township alerted me that he was on his way to Guam to dive in a submersible called "Limiting Factor" into the deepest point of the ocean/earth, called Challenger Deep in the Mariana Trench, seven miles below the surface.

Added to his record skydive, he will be the only person to accomplish a tandem parachute jump from seven miles up and a dive seven miles deep. He's referring to himself as the "7-Mile Man."

He is crossing his fingers for calm seas and a successful, safe, and drama-free adventure which will bring more attention to thyroid cancer research and treatment. Jim does these amazing stunts to bring attention to what is needed to cure thyroid cancer which killed his beloved wife.

On Monday, Jim sent me a note from his room on the ship, saying mechanical problems on the sub is delaying the Tuesday dive until Friday, June 20.

The youth workers in the City of Belleville have been working at cleaning up the DPW yard, the sidewalks downtown, and Hillside Cemetery and the city council, at Monday's meeting, expressed its pleasure at the results of all their work.



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Letters

Mail service in Florida has been very good

To the editor:

Thank you for the newspaper!

The May 21, 2020 edition arrived today, June 9, 2020. Just so you know how fast the mail is.

I will say this: the mail service here has been good. We get mail every day and packages come in a timely manner. My daughter tells me that Sumpter Township gets mail every other day and packages come sporadically. I sent a birthday card to my grandson. It arrived three weeks after I mailed it. As you know, Belleville's postal service has a reputation for being slow. Back when my first wife was secretary to our pastor she would be responsible for mailing monthly newsletters. Belleville members always got theirs last.

Just a personal update on my cancer: I had my third treatment on my second cycle today. I feel pretty good. Yes, the doctor says I have about a year from last April. I don't believe it. Lots of prayers are going up to God and I believe I have much more than a year left. We all know that only God knows for sure when our time is up.

Warm regards,
Fred Priebe
Apalachicola, FL

Editor's note: Former Van Buren Township resident Fred Priebe, who over the years dressed as and taught us about Abraham Lincoln, had a picture published in our "They're Reading the Independent Everywhere" column on May 21 and so earned a free, year's subscription.

FMAR needs ideas for fund raisers to help pets

To the Editor,

During the chaos of the past weeks, Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue has been evaluating how the global pandemic has and will continue to affect our shelter, its volunteers, supporters, and staff.

Intake of new animals had been on hold. Currently we are doing one dog and one cat adoption per day scheduled by appointment.

All Meet and Greets have been canceled except for the outdoor one in front of the Whittaker Road Kroger on July 18 from

9-1. Please follow face mask and social distancing protocols if you attend.

We have had to cancel our two largest fundraisers. Our long-time donors have kept us afloat. Thank you. You are important to FMAR. Non-financial ways to help would be gifts of needed supplies like bleach, laundry detergent, dish soap, tall kitchen garbage bags, sturdy trash bags, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, rubbing alcohol, hand sanitizer, clumping and non-clumping kitty litter, printer paper, any size paper plates, file folders, 10x13 envelopes, gas cards and postage.

Please consider endowment gifts to FMAR. One recent gift designated funds to help us set up an on-site veterinary clinic. A volunteer team has been hard at work building it out and furnishing it. We do need a veterinarian to work part time. Perhaps a retired vet would consider this job. Please call (734) 461-9458 if interested. We are optimistic the right person(s) for the job will show up.

Loss of significant investments has affected us all. Some grant money has come our way. FMAR needs an experienced grant writer.

The coronavirus relief bill includes two new tax benefits related to charitable cash donations. For taxpayers who take the standard deduction, a \$300 deduction for charitable gifts is now available. For those who itemize deductions, the amount you can deduct for cash donations has been expanded from 60% to 100% of adjusted gross income for 2020. Some caveats apply.

Nonprofits exist to offer hope and help people cope. FMAR has used this challenging time to create a food bank for needy pet owners. Call (734) 461-9458 if you are having trouble feeding your pet.

Despite current uncertainty, FMAR hopes to hold its annual Spaghetti dinner on Sept. 17 at the Belleville Eagles, even if it is take-out only. Look for a yard sale fundraiser in September also. Follow FMAR on Facebook where you may just see a Facebook raffle show up!

One volunteer, Lynda Barr, raised \$550 for FMAR with a homemade cookie sales idea. Thank you, Lynda! We are open to listening to your ideas for raising money to help FMAR function. We are ready to schedule more volunteers to help with dogs and cats, too. Call (734) 461-9458. Together we will make the world a better place for animals.

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More Letters

I remember Cameron McNally with love

To the editor:

Cameron was a very dear friend to my deceased husband, Steve. They met during employment at Van Buren Township. Steve was the water department director when Cam hired in as fire chief.

Cameron, Steve and Mark had many liver and onion dinners that they cooked together. Prior to the dinner they would shop at a local butcher and they took turns hosting the event at their homes. Cameron was usually the organizer.

Cameron had a sense of humor unlike any other and I also considered him a very dear friend. After Cameron suffered his stroke, Steve drove to visit him at the nursing facility on a regular basis. Steve kept in touch with two of Cam's children, Heather and David, just to keep up with how he was doing.

When Steve became too weak to drive, we went together to visit Cameron. We always arrived with Cameron's favorite treat: a #2 from Jimmy Johns with a large pickle and, of course, don't forget the chocolate chip cookie!

Heather always brought Cameron a copy of the *Belleville-Area Independent* and we would read the paper during our visits and talk about old times. When our visit was over Steve would shake hands with Cam and I would kiss Cameron on the cheek and he would whisper, "Thank you for bringing Steve".

After Steve passed away, I continued to visit Cameron, calling ahead to remind him lunch was on the way. When I arrived in the room Cam always turned off the TV so we could do a crossword puzzle together, visit and talk.

There was one visit in particular that was heart-warming: he was sleepy after his meal but he watched me color for two hours, every once in a while he'd say, "Color that yellow" or "That looks looks really pretty."

During those heart-wrenching times of visiting Steve in hospitals and nursing homes, finding time for Cameron was difficult, but somehow the fortitude comes when you need it the most. Cameron took it hard when Steve passed away and Heather attended Steve's memorial service on behalf of Cameron so I showed her a picture on display of Steve and Cameron together. These two men were joined in friendship during life and now in death their memories will live on in my heart as long as I live.

During my very last visit to Cam, when I kissed him good-bye he said, "Thank you for bringing you."

Denise Partridge
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: Denise Partridge, who worked for many years at Van Buren Township Hall before retiring, recently was

hired as the Senior Specialist at September Days Senior Center. David Cameron McNally died May 1 at the age of 77 due to complications from COVID-19.

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Obituaries



Paul G. Hoffmeyer

PAUL G. HOFFMEYER

(March 21, 1942 – June 10, 2020)

Paul G. Hoffmeyer of Van Buren Twp. passed away on June 10, 2020 at the age of 78.

Paul was the beloved husband of Judith and the loving father of Glenn, Gretchen (Mark) Roberts, Donna (Daniel) Nieman, Craig Glidden (Tom Patrick), Jennifer (Matt) Lauth. He was the cherished grandfather of 6, and proud great-grandfather of 4. He is survived by two sisters, two brothers and was preceded into death by one sister.

Paul received his first holy communion on May 14, 1950. He graduated from Southfield High School in 1960. He joined the Air Force and completed military training as an Airman Third Class Psychiatric Ward Specialist. After his honorable discharge, he completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Wayne State University and pursued a career in advertising that included his position at Cunningham's Drug Stores.

Paul was known for his sense of humor and exceptional wit that was always present. His family and friends enjoyed his unique perspective on life through his diverse appreciation of nature, wood working, music, literature, travel, and culture. He freely imparted his gifts with his natural gift of teaching both professionally and through his loving experiences with his children and grandchildren. His loving bride was his biggest admirer. Paul was loved deeply and will be dearly missed even while he continues to live in our hearts.

His care and services were entrusted to the Keehn-Griffin Funeral Home, (810) 229-9871. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at keehnfunderalhome.com



Eric Paul Mozdy

ERIC PAUL MOZDY

(February 1, 1961 – June 9, 2020)

Eric Paul Mozdy, age 59, of Belleville, MI, passed away peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, June 9, 2020. He was born February 1, 1961 in Erie, Pennsylvania, son of John Henry & Carolyn Louise (Petroff) Mozdy.

Eric graduated from Novi High School, class of 1979. He went to Lawrence Technological University and graduated with a Bachelor's in Engineering. He worked for Chrysler Corporation for over 20 years designing engines. One of his biggest achievements was that he helped design the world-renowned Hemi Engine. He enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, boating and kayaking. He loved the water. Most of all he loved his family and time spent with them.

Mr. Mozdy is survived by his loving wife of nearly 40 years Mary Dawn (Berry) Mozdy, two daughters Megan Mozdy and Erica Mozdy, all of Belleville, MI; two grandsons Eliot Gears and Christian Neino (the loves of his life); and his three Rottweiler dogs Abby, Mia and Moe. He is also survived by nieces & nephews: Jason Mozdy, Kalee Fried, Heather Mozdy, Kendall Skore, Brett Skore, Craig Berry and Peyton Waltz; and numerous extended family, colleagues and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Scott and Brian Mozdy, also a sister Carrie Ann Mozdy.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Friday and Noon until 1:00 PM Saturday, June 13, 2020 with a 1:00 PM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there was a limit of ten people in the building at one time. Masks, scarves or bandannas were required inside the building.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

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Red Cross Blood Drive set for June 25 at Trinity Episcopal Church

A Red Cross blood drive will be held from 1 to 6:45 p.m., Thursday, June 25, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township.

The Red Cross announced last week that it is now testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies to let the donor know if he or she has been exposed to the coronavirus. There is an urgent need for blood donors to help prevent a summer shortage. A \$5 Amazon.com gift card will be given via email to all who come to give in June.

Donation appointments can be made by downloading the free Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

COVID-19 death numbers in 48111 remain flat since May 29

The deaths attributed to the novel coronavirus in the tri-community – the 48111 zip code – has remained at 29 since May 29, according to numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 went up to 372 on Monday.

On Monday, the separate numbers released by the health department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 185 positive cases, 14 deaths; City of Belleville, 154 positive cases, 14 deaths, and Sumpter Township 33 positive cases, 1 death.

Sumpter has had the exact same numbers throughout the month of June and then added one more positive test on Monday.

Obituaries



Robert Paul Scheffler

ROBERT 'BOB' PAUL SCHEFFLER

(November 20, 1945 – June 7, 2020)

Robert "Bob" Paul Scheffler, age 74, of Sumpter Township, Michigan, died Sunday, June 7, 2020, at his residence with his family beside him.

He was born November 20, 1945, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Richard and Emma (Hegy) Scheffler. Bob retired from Ford Motor Company as a Supervisor in the Engineering Department after working for 30 years with perfect attendance! He had a passion for antique cars and was the former President of AACA (Antique Auto Club of America); he also travelled to Hershey, PA for many years to be involved as a Judge for their extensive car show. Bob was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge where he loved to play pool and was known as a "people person" to all his many friends.

Survivors include his children: Charlene of Westland, Amy, Shannon, and Ricky of Kenosha, WI, and Jeremy of Atlanta, GA.; eight grandchildren: Jarret of Indiana, Valerie of Westland, Justin of Belleville, Jacob of Indiana, Jesse and Olivia of Westland, JJ of Georgia and Rylee of Kenosha, WI; three great-grandchildren: Drew of Indiana, Wenzdae and Wzdom of Westland; two sisters: Sandra of S. Carolina and Sharon of Michigan; one brother, Ronald Scheffler of Michigan; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Cindy Mae Squires

CINDY MAE SQUIRES

(June 26, 1958 – June 11, 2020)

Cindy Mae Squires, age 61, of Lansing, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2020 at McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital, MI. She was born June 26, 1958 in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Homer Charles & Neva Mae (Wilson) Squires. Cindy enjoyed many crafts including ceramics and crocheting. She loved being outside in the sunshine and enjoyed the lake, gardening, hot air balloons and horses. Most of all, she loved time spent with her kids and family.

Cindy is survived by five daughters: Penny (Dan) Patterson of Ann Arbor, MI, Paula (Jude) Carpenter of Muir, MI, Michaelina (Jason Dailidonis) Zvonek of Livonia, MI, Angelina Kruger of Howell, MI and Sabrina Kruger of Lansing, MI; 8 grandchildren: Kyle, Justin, Nikki, Danny, Malachi, Maddy, Grace and Natalie; 3 great-grandchildren: Harmony, Olivia and Graycen; two brothers: Kenneth Squires of Alabama and Johnny Squires of Tennessee; sister Effie (Gene) Waldo of Arizona; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Charles Squires, also two granddaughters: Kayla Mae Horste and Hannah Carpenter.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial visitation was held from 3 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Due to COVID-19, there was a limit of ten people in the building at one time. Masks, scarves or bandannas were required inside the building. A Private family only Service was at 4 PM and was live-streamed on the funeral home's Facebook page. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the funeral home to help defray expenses and would be appreciated by the family.

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Letters

Friends of the Library will remain friends

Dear Friends of the Library:

Your support during these troubled times and during the building of our new library is so appreciated. We would like to show our appreciation by extending your current membership without any renewal fee or form until Dec. 31, 2021.

We still expect but can't predict when we can all see each other again at the library for meetings or celebrations but we know that day will come. We want to see you there when that time comes and not have you worry about whether you are or are not a "Friend." You are, with all the benefits that come with it when we resume operations.

I am delighted that the library is beginning to re-open with curbside service -- and that we can now reserve and pick-up books from the library (in a very scheduled manner). I'm looking forward to the day when it's safe to fully open our beautiful new library.

In the meantime, I hope you can take advantage of many of the online programs the library has to offer this summer. You can find more details and sign up information on the library's website: www.belleville.lib.mi.us :

- Michigan Mutual UFO Network: "Best New UFO Cases," Thursday, June 18, 7 p.m.

- Virtual Chess, June 22 (all ages) 3-4

p.m.; June 25 (ages 5-15), 11 a.m.-noon

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Letters

Sumpter Treasurer Bednark explains it all

To the editor:

I would like to thank the residents of Sumpter Township for the honor of being its treasurer. 2020 has brought with it many changes for all of us. Covid-19 redefined the way we will do business and interact personally, but I hope we can soon go back to the days of hugs and handshakes.

There have been a couple of questions circulating that I would like to answer here.

Why are you not seeking a second term?

Politics was never on my radar. I retired from a satisfying business and wanted to apply myself to serve our community, but not necessarily in elected office. In 2017, a trustee board seat became open. I was approached for consideration, but due to a lack of family support, prior commitments, and bad timing, I declined. Sheena Barnes was appointed to the open seat at the same time Peggy Morgan was appointed treasurer. A rift soon developed between the board and the appointees. They then sought to run someone against Peggy Morgan in 2018; as it turned out, I became that person.

Had it been four years and not two, I never would have run and I promised my family I would not seek a second term.

The Morgan machine was all in to endorse me. He said I will have plenty of support running the office, going so far as to offer up his deputy. It was a sham offer. Within days of winning, I realized they were more into me beating Peggy Morgan than they were me succeeding as treasurer. They immediately sought control not just cooperation.

Morgan and his people would feed me backbiting stories about their political adversaries and certain staff. They tried programming me by telling me who to like and who not to like; who I should associate with and who I should avoid. I don't play those devious games and if you don't play along with them, they turn on you like they did me. If they can't find anything on you, they will set snares and make it up. I honestly think they want to see my office fail and are doing what they can to make it happen just like they did with my predecessor.

My two-year term is coming to a close and I take pride in bringing the treasurer's office out of the dark ages and winning for the people. Again -- thank you, Sumpter, for the honor to serve.

Why have you not been attending meetings during the stay-at-home order?

When Governor Whitmer issued a series of executive orders in response to Covid-19, among them were shut-down orders that put the township into essential service mode and an executive order allowing

electronic meetings for municipalities.

My age group is in a higher risk category than the general population and we are advised to take extra precautions. I have adhered to those guidelines, which include avoiding crowds, and I seek to set a good example as an executive board member.

The board's refusal to facilitate videoconference meetings has silenced my voice and is a major reason why residents are being disenfranchised during this pandemic.

My office reached out to the clerk's office repeatedly seeking Zoom meetings to accommodate board and public participation. Their emailed response basically sounded to me like -- We don't have to do it and therefore we are not. Yet, surrounding communities began having videoconference board meetings within days of the Governor's order. But this is Sumpter.

Another red flag is how these meetings are being obscurely advertised. This Board acts like they don't want residents to see how they make sausage. While governments at the state and local level are in basic essential service mode and putting holds on new hires, pay raises, and purchases, Sumpter is full bore doing just the opposite; cancelling regular meetings and holding short notice "special" meetings loaded with pork and attacks on my office.

The Board recently changed the paper of record from the *Independent* to *The Eagle*. Guess what? *The Eagle's* wings

have been clipped as it no longer is doing print editions and has zero distribution in Sumpter and this board continues to use it as paper of record. Easy to see that the Sumpter board put personal politics over what is in the best interest of residents when it fired the *Independent*; fulfilling legal requirements while failing to serve residents.

The Independent is a bonafide newspaper with broad local print distribution and the best local coverage to be found while *The Eagle* claims to cover several communities but is thin on advertisers and doesn't have a print edition. When I asked *The Eagle's* editor from the board table if he was going to have a reporter cover Sumpter, he replied that if we write the articles, they would print them. What a joke.

If these thin-skinned, crybaby, Sumpter politicians don't like how they are covered by the BI, maybe they need to change their ways and take it up with the BI editor personally. If the claim is that the BI is making Sumpter look bad, many Sumpter residents think it is this lob-sided, duck-walking board that makes Sumpter look bad.

Shameful how this board voted for removal of the *Independent* as Sumpter's paper of record yet are the first in line to submit their candidate bios for free unbiased publication in it. Typical politicians -- users. Just like they will use YOU the VOTER for yard signs and votes this election. These folks need to take a good hard look in the mirror.

I have an idea! Why don't all you board members that fired the *Independent*, namely Morgan, Hurst, LaPorte, Rush, and Oddy, put your bios where you voted to put township's legals?

A total lack of character on your part and so sad for the people of Sumpter.

The Sumpter Township Board meetings are being staged.

These are short-notice, obscure "special" meetings with a pile on of motions to give raises, make large purchases, award contracts, and other expenditures during a time when most communities were just approving warrants and tending to emergency matters. I refuse to support most of these agenda items authorized by the finance director. I am the only one on that board strong enough to say no.

The township's spend-happy finance director, Michelle Cole, just got a \$5,200 loyalty raise during a period when most communities are slashing budgets and laying people off. This same finance director has, without authority, meddled in the affairs of my office; sneaking around behind my back trying to gain physical access, asking leading agenda-laden questions of my deputy, and has been a heavy-handed supervisor to Anna Winter. It looks like Morgan just bought another karen!

Not everyone in this community subscribes to the Morgan, Armatis, and Young doctrine of governance. My apology, but I am embarrassed to be part of this board.

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So what's going on with your office?

Prior to the pandemic, my office consisted of a full-time deputy, a part-time clerk, and a full-time water billing clerk that shared space with us. Operations were smooth as could be expected given the charged political environment in that building.

But that changed when the pandemic hit and two of the three employees in my office were put on furlough. Deputy Treasurer Wendy Snook was deemed essential and was forced to carry the entire load. This severe understaffing occurred during the fiscal year end and tax settlement, which make it the busiest period of the year for the treasurer's office.

The big mistake Morgan made here (he makes plenty of them) was calling the water billing clerk Anna Winter non-essential and putting her on furlough. Nobody in the building seems to know her job. Then, they began to make claims that it was the treasurer's job to open the water department's bills. I disagreed because it is not a statutory duty of the treasurer's office to open the water department mail.

We assisted as time would allow but never considered it to be a mandatory duty of the treasurer. This difference in opinion is what precipitated our politically-motivated board to approve an agenda item seeking to force my staff to process water department bills including collating, adjusting bills as needed, and printing missing bills, among other clerical tasks under the water billing clerk's job description. Looks to me like they are trying to crack Wendy and pull down my office.

Returning from furlough, Clerk Hurst selfishly has moved the water billing clerk Anna Winter to her office likely to help with the tidal wave of election work that office faces; work that is not remotely in a water billing clerk's job description. Hurst is hijacking Anna and dumping much of the water department billing work on my staff. They want Anna forced out of her job, too. But if anyone needs to go, it's Esther Hurst. Hurst must be voted out in the August primary. I enthusiastically endorse Sherry Olds for Sumpter Clerk. A 45-year resident of Sumpter, she is intelligent, articulate, and in the know. Sherry will be a respected clerk. I am excited to tell everyone to vote for her.

I am concerned for my deputy, Wendy Snook. She is a cancer survivor and has been under tremendous stress from the workload and more so from the work environment. Last week she had to take a medical leave of absence. Thank you for your service, Wendy. Be well and know you are appreciated.

In conclusion, while I disagree with the board on this matter and have consulted with the Michigan Township Association's attorney, have favorable legal opinions, and have supportive case law, for the sake of saving taxpayers the expenses involved in litigating this question, I have instructed

my staff to comply with the Board's motion.

Friends and neighbors, my prayer is for you and your loved ones to be strong in body, mind, and spirit through these challenging times. Go out and make some good memories.

Kenneth Bednark, Treasurer
Sumpter Township

Library sets three sessions of Virtual Chess to learn the basics

The Belleville Area District Library has three sessions of Virtual Chess coming up for anyone wanting to learn the basics of the game.

Staff member Jonathan Richards will teach how to play chess using a virtual chess board from chess.org. Those who would like to interact with Richards on chess.org should sign up for an account in advance. Space is limited.

Up to two guardians may accompany their child to interact and watch. Register with an email so that Zoom meeting details can be sent to participants. Register at <http://belleville.evanced.info/signup>

Sessions are set for:

- June 22 (all ages) 3-4 p.m.
- June 23 (adults only) 6-7 p.m.
- June 25 (ages 5-15) 11 a.m.-noon

The events can be found on Facebook as well. Registration is linked to in each event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/564306011180646/> (June 22)

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Diana Nechifor graduates with BS in Nursing from Ohio U.

Diana Nechifor of Belleville, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

Nechifor also was named to the Spring Dean's List at Ohio University.

To be named to the deans' list, students

must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester with a schedule of classes totaling at least 15 hours, 12 of which were taken for letter grades.

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Online Court Watching**District Court judges meet with defendants, attorneys via Zoom**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The probable cause conference for Maurice Schropshire, 25, of Van Buren Township, was adjourned until July 1 to give attorney Daniel Waszak of Neighborhood Defender Service, who was just appointed, time to get the discovery available in the case from VBT Police.

Schropshire is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence on April 6 in VBT. He is free on \$10,000

He was before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on June 3 via Zoom technology and Judge Green adjourned the case.

Rebecca Nicole Rose

Rebecca Nicole Rose, 36, of Van Buren Township, was unable to be present by Zoom before Judge Green for her probable cause conference on June 3 and it was adjourned until June 24. She is charged with assault to do great physical harm less than murder, assault on a police officer, and domestic violence in VBT on April 25. She is being represented by Cait DeMott Grady from the Neighborhood Defenders Service. Rose is free on personal recognizance bond of \$10,000.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor M. Bruder said she is working with VBT Detective Dale Harrison who has located body cam and the 911 call in the case and expected to get in-car video. This will be turned over to the prosecutor to share with the defense attorney.

Brittany Nicole Allen

At the June 3 probable cause conference via Zoom for Brittany Nicole Allen, 23, of Belleville, her defense attorney demanded

a live preliminary exam on charges against her. Allen is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence in Van Buren Township on May 8. She is free on bond and ordered not to have contact with the victim or an address in the 48600 block of I-94 Service Drive.

Judge Green said that Allen and her attorney could be in the courtroom live, but it is possible police officers won't be allowed in the courtroom because of their vulnerability of exposure to the coronavirus. The prosecutor possibly will not be allowed in the courtroom, either. Those in the courtroom will wear masks, she said. She said a date for the exam will be determined.

Micaiah Carlin Minor

The probable cause conference on the second-degree murder charge against Micaiah Carlin Minor, 18, of Canton has been set for June 17 before Judge Green.

Several competency exams had been held on Minor and the latest one was stipulated to by the attorneys before Chief Judge Brian Oakley on June 3. Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney is Eric Goze and defense attorney is David Cripps.

Minor is charged in the death of John Robert McElreath, 64, on May 7, 2019. McElreath died from injuries in an auto crash at the corner of Ecorse and Belleville roads in Van Buren Township.

It is alleged that Minor, an unlicensed driver, was driving southbound on Belleville Road at a high rate of speed, when he disregarded a red light at Ecorse, crossed over the double-yellow line and drove into northbound traffic, striking the victim in his car.

Norman Ladale Johnson

The probable cause conference for the four felony charges against Norman Ladale Johnson, 31, of Willis was adjourned until June 17 by Judge Oakley during a Zoom court session on June 3.

Johnson is accused of attacking a 26-year-old Sumpter Township resident with a tire iron at the man's home in the 23000 block of Elwell Road on May 16.

Johnson is charged with assault with intent to murder, home invasion first degree, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

He was jailed after cash bond was set at \$50,000. Police said Johnson forced entry into the home occupied by a person he knew and hit the victim around the head and torso with the tire iron. The victim tried to get away and Johnson continued to attack him, but eventually the victim was able to call 911.

Johnson was present before Judge Oakley from the Wayne County Jail via Zoom. Judge Oakley changed the \$50,000 cash/surety bond to allow 10%. If Johnson is released, there would be no contact with the victim and he would wear a GPS tether for home or work only. Also, there is to be no use of mood-altering substances without a doctor's prescription.

Dominick Robert Anderson

Dominick Robert Anderson, 23, of Sumpter Township was arraigned by video and Zoom from the Huron Township jail on June 5 by Judge Oakley.

Anderson is charged with five felony counts of criminal sexual conduct (person aged 13-15) on Nov. 26, 2019 in Sumpter Township.

His defense attorney Murray Duncan said his client turned himself in and has been cooperative with police. He lives with his mother and stepfather and he was set to start a new job at the Ford Rawsonville plant when COVID-19 happened. The complaining witness is from Ohio and the defendant knew her a short time, Duncan said.

Judge Oakley scheduled the probable cause conference for June 24 and set bond at \$10,000/10%. Anderson was to have no contact with the complaining witness.

Anderson also was arraigned on a misdemeanor charge of retail fraud in Van Buren Township on Oct. 30, 2019 and personal bond was set at \$1,000. Before setting the pretrial date on that charge, Judge Oakley directed Duncan to contact the prosecutor to see if this lesser charge can be resolved.

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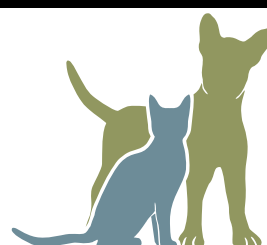


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More Letters

Alexandria Taylor has earned, deserves election

To the editor:

I would like to introduce a very good friend of mine, Alexandria Taylor. She is a lady who is licensed in the Eastern District Court of Michigan 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. She is candidate for 34th District Court Judge.

The 34th District Court serves the cities of Romulus and Belleville and the townships of Van Buren, Sumpter, and Huron. Based upon her proven track record of honesty and integrity, her extensive trial experience, and her commitment to fairness and justice, I feel she is, hands down, the best choice for this position.

She is a lifelong resident of Romulus, a proud graduate of Romulus Community Schools. She has earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Michigan State University, Master of Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University, and, Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, where she presently is an adjunct professor.

Throughout her career, she has had the distinct opportunity of practicing law on both sides of the aisle: as a former assistant city attorney in Woodhaven and Allen Park, and now as the managing attorney of Taylor Law Firm. In this capacity, she has practiced in courts throughout our great state, always advocating for fairness and justice.

Her commitment to liberty and justice extends well beyond the courts and into our community. As chair of the Romulus Charter Commission for nearly a decade, she has successfully led multiple proposals which have equated to significant savings for the city of Romulus.

Additionally, she has volunteered on numerous pro-bono projects including partnering with the Wayne County Treasurer to provide property tax assistance and participating in community expungement clinics which helped to provide returning citizens with setting aside convictions.

Her reputation in the legal community

is impeccable and she is committed to restoring candor to our court. As an adjunct professor of the law, she has worked to train and mold young lawyers. She has also been endorsed by the following judges: Hon. Prentis Edwards, Jr., Hon. Regina Thomas, Hon. Bridget Hathaway, and Hon. Paul J. Cusick, just to name a few. She is looking forward to serving on the court and rebuilding trust in our judicial system.

I honestly can't think of anyone that has earned and deserves this more.

In Solidarity,
Diane Sloan
Belleville resident

Keystone Academy hires four Teachers in Residence for backup

At its regular meeting on May 14 the Keystone Academy Board of Directors met via a virtual Google Meet.

Keystone Principal Jorvanna Drain reported that Keystone again has hired four Teachers in Residence, which they have done for the past three years.

This TIR program is to hire staff early in case any of the present staff leaves, so the replacement is on hand. She said National Heritage Academies allotted Keystone four positions and they have filled four.

Drain said Keystone also hired a needed social worker and a music teacher to replace the former music teacher who left the state for her husband's new job.

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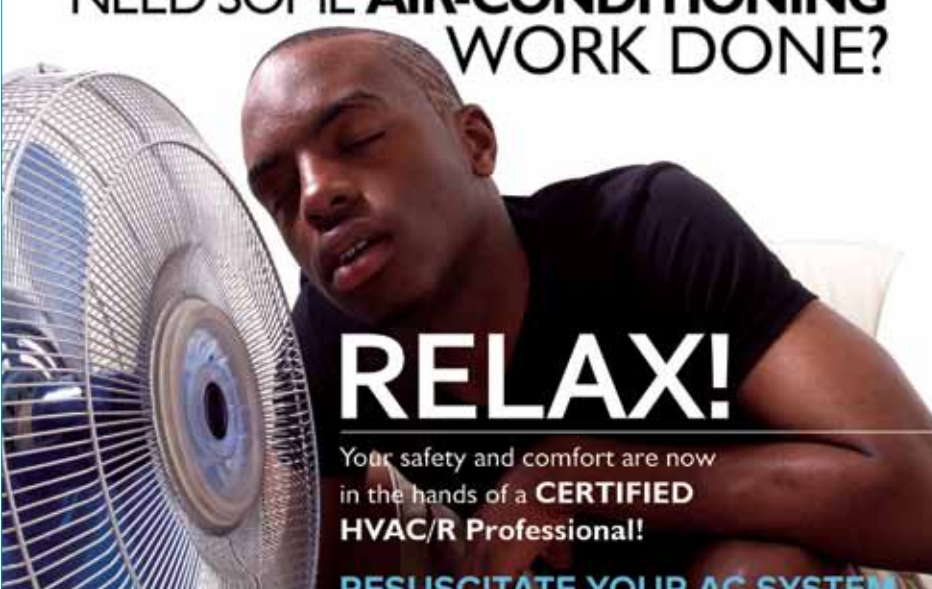
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Letters

We must open ourselves up and really listen

To the editor:

This is Saturday, June 13, and I am reading about the Survivors Speak / Black Lives Matter protest rally in Belleville yesterday. I am happy to know there are people in our community who participated in this protest march. I've seen a good amount of racial discrimination in my lifetime and I have been embarrassed and ashamed by it. We are supposed to be a country that offers freedom and justice for all.

A good portion of my life has been given to teaching others how to use education to advance themselves in life. That's what teaching is all about. Opening up opportunities for growth. I cherish the memories I've had of working at Wayne County Community College, tutoring and teaching there. I loved working at the five campuses, but especially the Downtown campus. Being there allowed me to watch the many rich cultural activities of the students going there. There is so much to gain from opening up to another person, another culture.

There is a sea change blowing in the wind. Some people are uncomfortable with a sea change, something that happens to transform their lives. I believe these protests can and will transform us -- because it gives all of us the awesome opportunity to stand together. It's about time, America.

Many of us are willing and active participants. Others will not be able to be actively involved but will be glad of the sea change. BUT, there are others -- those who will protest against the sea change and ARE already protesting with murmurs of discontent or mightily.

They will give many excuses why they don't support the protestors. But their excuses are nothing more than fretting

about the sea change seen so dramatically in our American streets. Their negative reactions can help us learn something -- something so well captured in the words of Senator John McCain.

After losing the 2008 election John told us, "I didn't like the outcome of the 2008 election. But I had a duty to concede, and I did so without reluctance. A concession isn't just an exercise in graciousness. It is an act of respect for the will of the American people, a respect that is every American leader's first responsibility."

It isn't just a leader's responsibility to respect the will of the American people, it is a responsibility of anyone who calls herself/himself "American." Because the numbers of people protesting the death of George Floyd tells us how deep the problem is. The numbers of protestors throughout the country alerts us to the many, many Americans who are tired of this sick cultural norm in American life.

People ARE tired -- we should ALL be tired -- disheartened and weary. It was horrific watching one human being casually, slowly killing another person while others stood by and did nothing! That's what was horrific -- that other men stood there and didn't put a stop to it -- for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. Let's take our blinders off and do something constructive to help.

It's time to take our knee off the necks of our brothers and sisters of color, America. None of us can breathe until we confront the discrimination and racism built into the fabric of American culture.

None of us can breathe until we all breathe freely, fully and without fear. It's time for a real dialogue -- for a real dialogue that leads to real change. We must open ourselves up to each other and really listen -- to -- each -- other, to recognize -- who -- we -- are and who we would become.

Barbara Zysk-Berman
 Sumpter Township

VBT police seek information on shootings in Wildbrook sub.

Van Buren Township Police are seeking information on the shootings that took place at about 9:16 a.m. Tuesday in the Wildbrook subdivision, off Savage Road.

Numerous 911 calls reporting multiple gunshots fired came into the dispatch center and police responded.

There were numerous witnesses and police interviewed a 19-year-old VBT resident who was shot at several times as she was seated in her vehicle. None of the bullets struck her and she was able to flee into a residence.

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More Letters

Mr. Morgan continues to put citizens first

To the editor:

In my opinion, I find it very unfortunate that Mr. Po's cartoon in last week's *Independent* is very discriminatory and derogatory of a depiction I believe to be Mr. John Morgan, supervisor of our Sumpter Township and other township employees as well as citizens that you have maligned with your vicious attacks. Your depiction of Mr. Morgan is despicable.

Mr. Morgan has and will continue to put all of Sumpter citizens first in order to provide

excellent service as much as possible with the resources that are available.

All of the cartoons by your cartoonist have been deplorable since he or she isn't brave enough to name Sumpter correctly, instead using the pseudonym of Wumpterville. I can't believe you have a real feel for the Sumpter Township I love, especially with the racial climate in the U.S.A. occurring at this time.

Also in the previous week's *Independent*, the depiction of your high-rise apartments for seniors is filled with tremendous pie-in-the sky fallacies that do not reflect a true understanding of how township government and its infrastructure work with other local, county, state, and federal government guidelines and their legalities in today's world.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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On June 24th, 2020, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
 Published: June 18th, 2020

I believe the pipe dream you presented is not factual in many details that are omitted so that it will just sound good but is empty of true facts and figures in today's manufacturing and building trades world. Architects and engineers require so much education to perform to their highest abilities. They have to create tremendous blue prints and models as they search out a great plan of practicality and durability. They utilize the education they spend their lives building excellent projects for safety as well as beautiful buildings with OSHA safeguards.

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 Mary Ban
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'Best New UFO Cases' coming virtually June 18

To the editor:

Greetings, all! I hope you are all well and coping.

The library is trying out new ways to offer services and entertainment to the public responsibly. We'll have several live, virtual presentations coming up that patrons can attend via video conferencing software. As always, your help in promoting would be much appreciated! Here are the details for our next upcoming event:

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Thank the man on Harris Road

To the editor:

This is to those who live on Harris Road between Savage and Martinsville Road in Sumpter Township.

Both shoulders are free of litter because we have an older man that during his walk down and back picks up every piece of litter and puts it in the plastic bag he carries with him.

I guess he appreciates the area he lives in. So, if you see him during his walk, please say thank you.

Resident on Harris Road.

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More Letters

Election to determine if Sumpter moves forward

To the editor and the people of Sumpter Township:

To the people who are undecided about voting for me: I am asking that you give me this chance. This is our opportunity to finally rid Sumpter Township of the 35-year-long dynasty. Many of the candidates running have intentions to continue providing for the "Robert Young dynasty."

If we can disrupt them now, Sumpter may never have to see the likes of such a full municipal takeover again. Any votes for other candidates is a vote for Karen Armatis and Rob Young. Don't let them fool you the way they have fooled us all for too long.

Sumpter is in desperate need of an outside law firm. The township will benefit from external opinions from many legal professionals, rather than our current sole individual real estate attorney. It has been proven dangerous and frivolous to entrust all legal counsel to a single attorney who is paid an hourly wage. He is the person who says where, what, and when. He is the person who decides how much time and effort he is to be compensated for, with few checks or balances. We will connect Sumpter with a law firm which will not be paid by the hour, but on a case-by-case basis.

Once elected supervisor, I will investigate the operations of the township administration. I promise I will always deliver the truth. Everything uncovered will be made public and with full transparency. No more back-room secrets like we see so often with the current officials. We've still never heard what the outcome or status of the Futernick case has been. After so many years of dragging this case along, we are still left in the dark, while our tax dollars turn to smoke.

All these years Sumpter has been constricted from growth. They say our quiet town should stay the same with minimal change, which is only an excuse to swell their pockets and gain personal positions. Sumpter has not grown, only the people running it. When the people who have hijacked the township are gone, the opportunities they have poached can be shared amongst the residents, who should have been the first priority for our leaders all along.

This election will decide whether Sumpter will move forward, or if Sumpter will continue rolling downhill. We can keep our quiet, country living, and prosper as a community at the same time.

Thank you,
Nelson S. Po

Any comments are appreciated and you can send me a note here:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT #25. THE DESCRIBED PARCELS THAT WOULD DESIGNATE THE PROPOSED DISTRICT ARE AS FOLLOWS AND TOTAL 293.81 ACRES.

TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, AND PROVIDE ESSENTIAL PROTECTIONS TO VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS; THIS PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS REGARDING REMOTE PUBLIC MEETINGS. (SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN GUIDELINES.)

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRTUAL MEETING, THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING DATE (POSTED 3 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO JULY 7, 2020) WHICH WILL BE LOCATED AT <https://vanburen-mi.org/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/board-of-trustees/>

#1: 83-008-99-0002-703

SPLIT/COMBINED ON 10/22/2013 FROM 83 008 99 0002 702; COMMENCING AT THE S 1/4 CORNER OF SEC 2, T3SR8E; TH S90D 00M 00S E 350.00 FT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SEC 2 AND CENTERLINE OF ECORSE RD FOR A PLACE OF BEG; TH N00D 24M 19S W 1614.16FT; TH N18D 42S 09M W 1114.86FT TO THE CENTER POST OF SAID SECTION; TH S 89D 59M 43S E 2156.75FT ALONG THE E-W 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION; TH S 00D 14M 07S E 1670.03 FT; TH N90D 00S 00M E 180.74 FT; TH S 00D 14M 07S E 480.00 FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 180.74 FT; TH S00D 14M 07S E 459.99FT; TH N90D 00S 00M W 743.35FT ALONG A LINE 60 FT NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; TH N 00D 14M 07S W 15.00FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 935.80 FT ALONG A LINE 75 FT NORTHERLY OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SEC 2; TH S 00D 33M 03S E 75FT; TH N90D 00M 00S W 120.09 FT ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND SAID CENTERLINE OF ECORSE RD TO THE PLACE OF BEG. BEING A PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SEC 2 AND CONTAINING 114.10 AC OF LAND

#2: 83-008-99-0037-701

SPLIT/COMBINED ON 10/22/2013 FROM 83 008 99 0037 000; COMMENCING AT THE SE CORNER OF SEC 2, T3SR8E, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN; TH DUE N 60 FT ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; TH N89D 37M 00S W 483.07 FT ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ECORSE RD FOR A PLACE OF BEG; TH N89D 37M 00S W 60 FT ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE; TH N00D 09M 30S E 459.99 FT; TH S89D 37M 00S E 60.00 FT; TH S00D 09M 30S W 459.99 FT TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2 AND CONTAINING 0.63 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

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Sumpter Township Board votes to take treasurer to court

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At a special meeting June 10, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously, with one absence, to take Township Treasurer Ken Bednark to court to have a judge tell him to do what they want.

Treasurer Bednark was absent from the meeting.

The one-hour meeting had one issue and was led by attorney Rob Young who did most of the talking.

Young said in a special meeting on June 2 the board ordered the treasurer to open the envelopes addressed to the water department.

In a June 8 memo to Supervisor John Morgan, Young said he has been told by the finance director that the township is receiving numerous phone calls from citizens wanting to know why their checks were not processed.

“This needs to be addressed sooner than later,” Young said, recommending the board call a special board meeting as soon as possible on this issue.

After a long presentation by Young, the board members present voted unanimously to order all township mail containing payments be delivered to the treasurer’s office where it will be opened and processed by the deputy treasurer and the treasurer’s office clerk.

Although it wasn’t on the agenda posted for the meeting, Young recommended the township take Bednark to court to seek a writ of mandamus on an emergency request to get a circuit court judge to tell Bednark to have his deputy open and process the water department payments at once.

Finance Director Elle Cole O’Connell said there should be a deadline for Bednark to comply and so they set 4:30 p.m. the next day, Thursday, June 11.

On Friday, Bednark said he got an email from Young at 9 a.m. Thursday morning with the command to comply by 4:30 p.m. and then two police officers opened the sealed gate to Bedark’s driveway and delivered the same order in a written letter.

Bednark said they didn’t have a warrant to enter his property, but he wasn’t going to complain, since it was a township issue.

Bednark said legally he is on solid, solid ground in refusing to have his deputy open the water department mail and there is case law on his side. He said he had talked to the Michigan Township Association attorney and another attorney who said it was not the treasurer’s job.

Deputy Treasurer Wendy Snook was the only employee in the treasurer’s office that the township deemed essential and she was overwhelmed with the work during the township’s closing for the pandemic. That work was usually done by three people, Bendark said.

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#3: 83-008-99-0014-701

02S 10 TO 13 PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N 89D 37M 00S W 60.00 FT AND DUE N 1726.00 FT FROM SE COR SEC 2 - TH N 89D 59M 56S W 599.08 FT - TH N 00D 14M 07S W 264.01 FT - TH S 89D 59M 56S E 598.36 FT - TH S 00D 23M 30S E 264.01 FT - POB. 3.63 AC

#4: 83-005-01-0034-301

02A34,T2 LOT 34 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC BEVERLY ST 86FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR-K-6.02 - ALSO PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N8 DEG 33M 32S W 60.04 FT FROM E 1/4 SEC 2 -- TH S00DEG 12M 11S W 35.79 FT - TH N87DEG 59M 49S W596.58 FT - TH N00DEG 12M 11S E 19.52 FT - TH S 89DEG 33MIN 32S E 596.13FT TO POB 0.38AC

#5: 83-005-01-0033-300

02A33 LOT 33 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#6: 83-005-01-0032-300

02A32 LOT 32 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#7: 83-005-01-0031-300

02A31 LOT 31 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#8: 83-005-01-0030-300

02A30 LOT 30 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#9: 83-005-01-0029-300

02A29 LOT 29 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#10: 83-005-01-0028-300

02A28 LOT 28 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#11: 83-005-01-0027-300

02A27 LOT 27 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#12: 83-005-01-0026-300

02A26 LOT 26 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#13: 83-005-01-0025-300

02A25 LOT 25 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE ALSO N 1/2 ADJ VAC GERBSTADT ST 60FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67 WCR

#14: 83-005-01-0024-300

02A24 LOT 24 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#15: 83-005-01-0023-300

02A23 LOT 23 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#16: 83-005-01-0021-300

02A21 LOT 21 ALSO ADJ VAC TAYLOR ST 30FT WIDE--- TAYLORS SMALL FARM SUB T3S R8E L70 P67

#17: 83-005-99-0004-000

02CD1 PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 1238.38FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 146.41FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2906.08FT TH WLY 146.57FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2900.27FT POB 9.75 AC

#18: 83-005-99-0005-000

02CD2 PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 1091.98FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 146.40FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2900.27FT TH WLY 146.95FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2888.72FT POB 9.73 AC

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#19: 83-005-99-0006-000

02CD3 PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 865.78FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 226.20FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2888.72FT TH SWLY 228.34FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2859.43FT POB 14.93 AC

#20: 83-005-99-0007-000

02CD4 PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 733.96FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 131.82FT TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2859.43FT TH SWLY 133.44FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2835.85FT POB 8.62 AC

#21: 83-005-99-0010-000

02D5B PART OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 585.78FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 2246.62FT TH N89DEG 51M 50S E 148.18FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 2246.62FT TH S89DEG 51M 50S W 148.18FT POB 7.64 AC

#22: 83-005-99-0008-000

02C5 D5A PT OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 51M 50S E 585.78FT AND N0DEG 17M 40S E 2246.62FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH N0DEG 17M 40S E 557FT TH NELY 151.88FT TH S0DEG 17M 40S W 589.23FT TH S89DEG 51M 50S W 148.18FT POB 1.95 AC

#23: 83-005-99-0009-701

02CD6A,F2,G1,H2,N1B PT OF NE 1/4 SEC AND NW 1/4 SEC 02 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG AT THE CENTER OF SEC 02 - - TH S89 59 43E 585.78 FT- TH N00 09 17W 2810.89 FT- TH S76 27 50W 343.74 FT- TH S00 44 50E 239.30 FT- TH S76 27 50W 287.49 FT- TH S00 45 56E 938.11 FT- TH S89 38 26W 482.12 FT- TH S18 42 08E 1565.47 FT TO POB - 44.41 AC

#24: 83-005-99-0009-002

02CD6B PT OF NE 1/4 SEC 2 T3SR8E BEG N0DEG 18M W 2424.26FT FROM THE CEN 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH N0DEG 18M W 239.30FT TH N76DEG 54M 40S E 286.70FT TH S0DEG 18M E 239.30FT TH S76DEG 54M 40S W 286.70FT POB 1.58 AC

#25: 83-008-99-0006-701

02S1,T1 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE N 2518FT FROM SE 1/4 COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 111.29FT - TH N88DEG 02M 30S W 596.58FT - TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 127.68FT - TH S89DEG 37M E 596.55FT POB 1.64 AC - ALSO PT OF THE SE 1/4 SEC 2 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N89 DEG 33S W 60.04 FT AND S00 DEG 12M 11S W 35.79 FT FROM E 1/4 COR SEC 2 TH S00 DEG 12M 11S W 7.21 FT - TH N89 DEG 33M 32 S W 596.13 FT - TH N 00 DEC 12M 11S E 23.48 FT - S 87 DEG 59M 49S E 596.58 FT TO POB 0.21AC - K - 1.85

#26: 83-008-99-0021-701

*02S 17-23 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 T3S, R8E,DESC AS BEG N87DEG 36M 47S W 60FT AND DUE N 1066FT FROM SE COR OF SEC2- TH N89DEG 37M 00S W 600.57FT- TH N00DEG 09M 30S E 462FT- TH S89DEG 37M 00S E 599.28FT -TH DUE S 462FT TO POB 6.36 AC

#27: 83-008-99-0008-000

02S9 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE N 1990FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 66FT TH N89DEG 37M W 597.82FT TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 65.99FT TH S89DEG 37M E

#28: 83-008-99-0007-000

02S2 PART OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE N 2452FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 66FT TH N89DEG 37M W 596.55FT TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 66FT TH S89DEG 37M E 596.73FT POB 0.90 AC

#29: 83-008-99-0011-000

02S7 PT OF SSE 1/4 OF SEC 2 BEG N N89DEG 37M W 60FT AND DUE NORTH 2122FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 2 TH DUE N 66FT TH N 89DEG 37M W 597.46FT TH S0DEG 09M 30S W 66FT TH S89DEG 37M E 597.64FT POB 0.91 AC

#30: 83-008-99-0012-700

PT OF SE 1/4 OF SEC 02 BEG N 89D 37M W 60 FT AND DUE N 2056 FT FROM SE COR OF SEC 02 TH DUE NORTH 66 FT TH N 89D 37M W 597.64 FT TH S 00D 09M 30S W 66 FT TH S 89D 37M E 597.82 FT TO POB 0.91AC

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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



JNG Auctions of Belleville will be holding an online estate auction June 20-23, featuring items like DeWalt tools, rototiller, a cast iron wood burner, tool chest, roll-top desk, fabric, toys, and lots more. See their ad in today's paper and visit www.JNGauctions.com for the details. Call (734) 489-4636.

Accurate Dental Denture on Sumpter Road in the Belle Park Plaza has reopened for general dentistry services with personal protective measures and guidelines in place. See their ad in today's paper for a coupon for a new patient special and other offers. They've been serving the community for over 20 years and specialize in kid care, accepting insurances like Blue Cross Complete, United Health, Molina, Meridian, Medicaid, and more. Call (734) 697-5477.

Frosty Boy owner Mike Foley is doing better these days and itching to get back to work and to his customers on Main Street, according to his son Mike Foley Jr., who I spoke with during a visit there last week. Mike Jr. said he's been on furlough from his current job when he and the family decided to open Frosty Boy up for the season last month. Now, Mike Junior is close to going back to work and we might just get to see his Dad there real soon, managing the place and doing paperwork. We hope so. The history on Main Street features two Mikes that hardly need any introduction: They're Ice Cream Mike and Hardware Mike (Mike Windiate / Pro Hardware). I wonder if I have a nickname? I guess it depends on who could be the other Bobs around town. LOL. Love our small town.

MD Appliance owner Matthew Davis of Belleville offers \$40 service calls on refrigerators, washers, dryers, ranges and more. Call (734) 782-3354 Monday thru Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Willis Feed Mill in Downtown Willis next to the railroad tracks behind Boneheads BBQ is having a Kalmbach Sale Day this Saturday, June 20, featuring 10% off KB animal feed and grain for pets, equine, poultry, and much more. Call (734) 461-1111.

The Yankee Air Museum announced that it will be re-opening to the public on June 30 with a socially responsible re-design of their Air Adventures Program, activities, and events calendar. Creative Hangar is a new activity page for kids that offers story time, oral histories, virtual exhibits of some of the museum's aircraft, and home lessons for educational programing. The museum has also been working on engineering plans to build a Roush Aeronautics Center at the museum's side at Willow Run Airport and has added a flyable 1928 Ford 4-AT-B Tri-Motor to its adventure programs set to debut in the spring of 2021. The Thunder Over Michigan Airshow is still on tap for Aug. 29-30 featuring the US Navy Blue Angels. For tickets, visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org and call (734) 483-4030.

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Snook was doing tax settlement work and working with the auditor for the upcoming audit besides opening the night deposits and processing the payments. Bednark said it was the largest water bill cycle of the year.

He said often people don't put the number of their account on the payment and this has to be found, and paperwork has to be printed out. Sometimes the payments are in cash. He said he has one payment in cash that has no name or account number included, so it is waiting to be identified.

Bednark said on May 27 he had directed Snook to put the unopened water payment envelopes together and give them to the clerk's office where the water clerk now is located. The clerk had sent the envelopes back to the treasurer's office and Snook had secured them in the vault.

After Young's orders, Bednark said he decided Sumpter Township doesn't need the bad press and his deputy can open the envelopes.

"While I don't agree in principle, I'll order you to open the mail," Bednark said he told Deputy Snook after the orders from Young on June 11.

That's when Deputy Snook told him she had been to her doctor and has a doctor's letter that keeps her from going back to work until Monday, June 15. She then submitted the letter to the township.

Bednark said he called his part-time worker in the treasurer's office, who was at home because she was deemed not essential, and she said she just had surgery and has a doctor's letter saying she can't come back to work until June 23.

She sent her doctor's letter to the township on Friday, June 12.

"I ordered my workers to comply before the 4:30 p.m. deadline," Bednark said. "I'm in compliance."

Meanwhile, Bednark said he told Young that he would process the mail and open the envelopes as soon as possible, as demanded, and Young said he would proceed with the writ of mandamus request.

During the June 10 meeting, Young said he, can't do litigation because of things he's "going through," referring to heart problems he told the board about in the past. [Young was unable to handle the lawsuit brought by mobile home park owner Sheldon Futernick, either, because of Young's health problem.]

"Another firm is available to do the writ," Young said. "My goal is not to have this kind of nonsense going on."

He said if the case is dismissed they'll be back to where they were.

"We need to get this done," Young said. "Time is critical."

Trustee Tim Rush asked how long this would take and Young said it would take a few days to write it up, take depositions from those involved, and ask for an emergency hearing. He said sometimes there is a temporary resolution and sometimes full resolution.

"I would start delivering information to

the law firm tomorrow," Young said, noting he would do so before the deadline to get the work started.

Young recommended hiring Pentiuik, Couvreur & Kobiljak PC of Wyandotte. No cost was mentioned, but in a letter to Supervisor Morgan not included in the public packet, the cost is \$175 per hour. A retention letter was due to be signed on Friday, June 12.

The board members present voted unanimously to hire the firm.

Trustee Matt Oddy suggested the finance director report to the board if the deadline is met.

"It's an embarrassment to be involved in this," Young said. "I don't have another solution."

In answer to one of the questions from Bednark the afternoon of Friday, June 12, MTA attorney Catherine Mullhaupt wrote: "It would seem to me that, under the current extraordinary conditions imposed by the coronavirus, that a township board would want to pull together to help when the usual staff are unavailable because of health issues or the board has not determined that it is best or possible to have them return to work. A township water/sewer system needs its payments to be deposited timely. No one person is required by law to literally open envelopes, and more than one person will likely be needed to get the job done. If board members or staff who have resumed work at the hall are able to assist temporarily, that may be a possible solution."

The township did not answer its phone on Friday or reply to requests by email as to whether the legal action is moving forward. On Tuesday, Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick sent this reply: "Please note that, on the advice of counsel and consideration for those involved, I cannot respond at this time."

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City Council to consider demolition of vacant store it owns next door

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Belleville City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz followed the city council's direction in taking steps to clean up the vacant store it owns next door to city hall and got a quote for a professional clean-up.

Then, the city council changed its mind about what it wanted to do. The council voted to go out for bids on demolition of the site, instead.

At Monday's regular meeting of the city council, held via Zoom teleconferencing, City Manager Kobylarz said she was really impressed when she got the quote for cleanup, since she expected it to be higher.

She presented the \$8,136.14 quote from Restoration 1 of Western Wayne County for the cleanup that included five technicians working three, eight-hour days. The quote included a microbial burst spray first.

Kobylarz pointed out Restoration 1 was the company that has been sanitizing city hall without charge. She said that was the only company she could find to do the work.

She said they will take everything out of the building. An auction company is coming June 16 to assess what is inside that could be sold, she said.

Kobylarz said she has talked to Carol Thompson of the Downtown Development Authority and Thompson said the DDA could provide giant posters to cover the windows with old pictures and art, instead of the beer signs that had been there.

She said the building will be clean, empty, and disinfected and no one would be able to see in any more.

When it was suggested this should have gone out for bids, Kobylarz said the city could price this as emergency action, since there's mold in the building. She said she didn't know what kind of mold, but the building has been closed for seven or eight years and you can smell mold when you walk in.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates said they had talked about having volunteers do the work and she had volunteered to help.

"I can't bring volunteers into that building," Kobylarz said. "It's unsafe for volunteers." She said there are moveable walls, no lights, and boxes everywhere. They don't know what is in all the boxes.

She said the auctioneers would look at the

coolers, equipment, refrigeration items and the giant Pepsi machines to see if anything can be sold.

Planning Commissioner Mike Renaud asked about the roof structure, noting there's no point in cleaning it unless you're going to keep it dry.

"Does it make sense if it should be torn down?" he asked.

Kobylarz said it is far more expensive to take it down. She said the council wanted to clean it up and she can't clean it up without professional help.

DPW Director Rick Rutherford said there are issues on the roof -- it leaks -- but it is not structurally unsound.

"The first step in that building is that it has to be cleaned up, one way or another," Rutherford said. "We're looking for direction from council."

Renaud said he wouldn't hope for too much from an auction. He said the flat roof is vulnerable to the next storm.

"Whoever purchases it is responsible for the roof," Kobylarz said, referring to the plan to sell the property on that corner and move city offices to another location.

"I don't ever see anybody renting or occupying it," Mayor Conley said. "It tends to be an eyesore and we should look at demolition cost, to get removed and out of the way."

She said the vacant building is no value to the totality of the four or five parcels the city owns on that corner. She said they are looking for a proposal for the best use of that corner along with an idea of where to move city hall. She said that is not a good site for city hall and would be better for something commercial.

"Demolition probably is the end game for the city," Rutherford agreed, noting there would have to be an environmental study before that could be done. He said he doesn't think it will need asbestos remediation, but that's not his area of expertise.

"We'll be glad to solicit bids on demolition," Rutherford said. It was determined the environmental study would be a part of the bid.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-and-nine-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the budget amendments for the year ending June 30, which included the

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Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111. If you have any questions regarding the public hearing, please contact Clerk Leon Wright at 734-699-8909.

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VBT Plan

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undermine the ordinance.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked if the physical design of the building has depth in the façade and Ernat said there are balconies every 40 feet, each coated with board and batten.

Commissioner Jahr said they are asking for double the size of the accessory structure

permitted. He asked if an apartment structure in commercial property would be allowed that many garages.

Public Service Director Matthew Best said for an apartment building it would probably be allowed in the ordinance in a mixed-use district.

“This is not an unreasonable request,” Best said.

Jahr said if the size is allowable in an area where apartments are allowable, it

probably is not an unreasonable request.

But, he said, the requirement for brick is clear in the ordinance, saying it must conform, and that is a strong requirement.

“I agree with Commissioner Jahr on the brick,” said Commissioner Joan Franzoi. “It was specifically put into the ordinance.”

As to the garages, she likes them better than carports, but they should be broken up and not been in such a long row of ten.

Jahr said concerning the applicant’s

comments related to finances, the BZA is not allowed to consider that.

“I don’t see a practical difficulty,” he said. “... brick doesn’t look institutional ... My house is brick ... I do like the development ... and hope we can move forward with the project.”

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission, said the garages are reasonable, but it has to have an architectural design that fits in the district.

“We say we are a premiere community, but we lack senior housing,” said Commissioner Medina Atchinson, long an outspoken advocate for senior housing.

“We have a human need for individuals to age in place ... We have zero independent living,” she said. “As a premiere community we need to have living for all stages of life.”

Commissioner Bryon Kelley said it’s a great project, something the community needs, but the problem is with not following the look of the district. The garages, however, are reasonable, he said.

John Ackerman of Clover said the Belleville Road Overlay District standards are for aesthetic quality along Belleville Road. He said their project is 400 feet off the road and the front is fully wooded until the commercial component is developed and the building won’t be visible and is hidden behind other uses upfront and trees.

Krishnan said the state act says nothing about visibility.

Commission chairperson Carol Thompson said she, too, supports the project and commissioners worked hard on the design standards. She said she has no problems with the garages but agrees with Franzoi that ten in a row is too much.

“The guidance you’re giving tonight will be taken by the BZA as guiding points,” Best said. He said any additional thoughts the public has can be sent to the staff to be shared with the BZA.

“We don’t want to unfairly limit the size of the garages, if apartments can do it elsewhere,” Jahr said.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments

The only other item on the agenda in the one-hour-and-29-minute meeting was a discussion on zoning ordinance amendments for C, Local Business District.

This problem was discovered when public comment was held on the proposed assisted living complex for the southeast corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor roads.

Power said this was reviewed March 11 before the multi-month shutdown and now a June 24 public hearing has been set.

“This is related to a development in the process of being reviewed and there is a need for clarification,” Power said.

Power said ordinance references to dwellings in non-residential districts also will be amended.

Power also said on June 24 there will be a public hearing on special land use on the North I-94 Service Drive.

He said the commission will be meeting remotely for the foreseeable future.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN 48111

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified electors of the Charter Township of Van Buren in the State of Michigan who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local Clerk is Monday, July 20, 2020.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 68.492) at the Charter Township of Van Buren Clerk’s Office at the following place, day and times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday August 1, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday August 4, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Qualifications for Registration:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- Resident with the Charter Township of Van Buren for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election.
- Citizen of the United States

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County Michigan will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

UNITED STATES SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12TH DISTRICT, REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 12TH OR 21ST DISTRICT, WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF, WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3RD CIRCUIT NON -INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 34TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION, WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER, WAYNE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11TH DISTRICT, VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, CLERK, TREASURER AND TRUSTEES, DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION.

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL O- OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL TO RENEW THE MILLAGE AUTHORIZED IN 2009 TO CONTINUE TO LEVY AT THE ESTIMATE 2019 ROLLBACK RATE OF 0.9529 FOR TEN MORE YEARS (2020-2029) AND PROCEEDS USED TO CONTINUE EXISTING COUNTY SERVICES INCLUDING PROGRAMS FOR ARREST, DETENTION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIMINALS, JUVENILE COURT AND RELATED SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, RECREATION, COUNTY PARKS, JOB TRAINING, SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR MEETING MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE POOR, THE DISABLED, AND THE AGED?

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL P- TO RENEW THE MILLAGE AUTHORIZED IN 2016 AT THE ESTIMATED 2020 ROLLBACK RATE OF 0.2459 MILLS FOR FIVE MORE YEARS (2021 THROUGH 2025) TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND OPERATE SEVERAL PARKS AND RELATED FACILITES, INCLUDING HINES PARK, ELIZABETH PARK, CHANDLER PARK AND IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL PARKS IN THE 43 COMMUNITIES AS PROVIDED IN AN IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE THROUGH AN ANNUAL ALLOCATION BY COMMISSION DISTRICT OF THE GREATER OF \$50,000 OR 15% OF THE TOTAL FUNDS GENERATED FROM THAT DISTRICT, ON THE CONDITION THAT, FOR ANY YEAR FOR WHICH THIS CONTINUED LEVY WOULD BE IMPOSED, WAYNE COUNTY MUST BUDGET FROM OTHER SOURCES AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ITS 1995-1996 FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATION FOR PARKS?

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk’s office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk’s office at 734-699-8909 or by visiting the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org where a sample of the ballot may be viewed.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk’s Office

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Published: June 18, 2020

“I’d kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.”
– Steven Wright

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 339 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.

- Sunday, June 7:**
0202 – assist other dept., South St.
0225 – traffic offense, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0919 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
0945 – hospice death, Bradley Dr.
1049 – welfare check, Spencer Ave.
1238 – threat, Ormond Dr.
1329 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1358 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
1454 – welfare check, Jackson St.
1455 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1615 – trespassing, N. Timberview Dr.
1716 – neighbor trouble, Riggs Rd.
1749 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1851 – felony assault, Locust Dr.
1856 – property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1932 – neighbor trouble, Riggs Rd.
2121 – family trouble, Hamlin St.
2138 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
2312 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2314 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hayes St.
2342 – domestic, Tyler Rd.
2351 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.

- Monday, June 8:**
0142 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville / WB I-94
0151 – intrusion alarm, Oak Blvd.
0220 – noise complaint, Park Estates Dr.
0732 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
0751 – parking complaint, Christina Ln.
0855 – threat, Denton Rd.
0919 – vehicle impound, Parkwood Dr.
0947 – disorderly, Oak Blvd.
1016 – harassment call, Ellen Ave.
1018 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1115 – animal complaint, Jeremy Rd.
1202 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1228 – neighbor trouble, Tyler Rd.
1305 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1336 – fraud, Ironwood Dr.
1419 – mental subject, Bentley Dr.
1453 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1452 – private property/property damage accident
1552 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1600 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1620 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1639 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1817 – K-9 call out, Brookview Dr.
1824 – suspicious person/vehicle, Prairiegrass Ct./Sage Cir.
1838 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
2016 – intrusion alarm, Pinewood Ln.
2044 – juvenile complaint, Andover Dr.
2208 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
2348 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

- Tuesday, June 9:**
0056 – noise complaint, Sylvia Dr.
0329 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
0631 – assist fire dept., Andover Dr.
0641 – private property/property damage accident, Beckley
0641 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0936 – civil matter, Rose Blvd.
0942 – malicious destruction of property, Pine Dr.
1225 – welfare check, S. Woodbury Dr.
1453 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.
1503 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1507 – threat, DNR boat launch/Rawsonville Rd.
1612 – domestic, Rose Blvd.
1637 – mental subject, Elwell Rd.
1642 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1712 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1858 – property damage accident, Kirkridge Park
1912 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1923 – welfare check, Sylvia Dr.
1928 – property check, W. Adams
1943 – disorderly, Bemis Rd.
2221 – mental subject, Elwell Rd.
2222 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Ln.

- Wednesday, June 10:**
0021 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0052 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.
0152 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0315 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

- 0739 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.
1033 – missing person, Wildbrook Dr.
1200 – threat, Vernon St.
1212 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville/Ecorse
1221 – threat, Zachary St.
1231 – threat, McBride
1300 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1329 – animal complaint, Edwards Rd.
1347 – fraud, Arborview Ln.
1422 – intrusion alarm, Chandler
1438 – intrusion alarm, Elwell Rd.
1502 – animal complaint, Edwards Rd.
1530 – breaking & entering, Alden Ave.
1540 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1644 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1710 – civil matter, Fret Rd.
1735 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1748 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

- 1801 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Marlowe
1932 – assist other dept., Edwards Rd.
1936 – hospice death, Hull Rd.
2003 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2041 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
2200 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.
2216 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2230 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.

- Thursday, June 11:**
0004 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0118 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0137 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Van Born
0227 – malicious destruction of property, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0525 – intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
0733 – animal complaint, Edwards Rd.
0814 – fraud, Hardwood Dr.
0845 – animal complaint, Pond Ridge Dr.
0856 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0947 – domestic, Tavistock Dr.
1053 – traffic offense, Walgreen’s/Tim Horton’s
1137 – trespassing, McBride Ave./Jackson St.
1234 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1312 – missing person, Reene Dr.
1326 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1327 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1334 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./WB I-94
1407 – civil matter, Daisy Blvd.
1448 – larceny, E. Archwood Dr.
1516 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury
1543 – fraud, Victoria St.
1602 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1636 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
1812 – animal complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
1847 – assist other dept., N. Aberdeen Ct.
1923 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1925 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1940 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd. Rd.

- 2012 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2028 – neighbor trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2048 – family trouble, McKinley St.
2124 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2156 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2200 – civil matter, Fay Dr.
2224 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.
2243 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2306 – noise complaint, Bemis Rd.
2314 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2332 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2342 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.

- Friday, June 12:**
0459 – 911 welfare check, Maple Dr.
0603 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
0648 – found property/child, Sumpter Rd.
0850 – abandoned auto, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1113 – neighbor trouble, Bradley Dr.
1136 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1150 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1223 – private property impound, Rawsonville
1319 – property check, Redwood
1404 – domestic, Landmark
1601 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2042 – intrusion alarm, Rolan Meadows Dr.
2043 – disorderly, Fret Rd.
2051 – threat, Village Green Ln.
2210 – disorderly, Fret Rd.
2302 – disorderly, Hamlin St.
2315 – disorderly, Van Born Rd.
2325 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sheldon Rd.

- Saturday, June 13:**
0647 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
0822 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
0949 – parking complaint, Lilac Ln./Harmony Ln.
1242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

- 1251 – malicious destruction of property, Brandi
1304 – assault & battery, S. Bellridge Dr.
1542 – road hazard, S. I-275/Tyler Rd.
1631 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1847 – fraud, Cedarhurst Dr.
1914 – domestic, Rose Blvd.
1956 – assist fire dept., Rose Blvd.
2022 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
2023 – breaking & entering, Lake Point Pass
2054 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2130 – civil matter, Rose Blvd.
2138 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rolan Meadows
2154 – mental subject, Outer Dr.
2226 – property damage accident, Mida Dr.
2308 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
2351 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

Also on this week’s log are 136 traffic stops, 94 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

- Sunday, June 7:**
0001 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
0006 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
0201 – property damage accident, South St.
0948 – private property impound, E. Huron River
2228 – noise complaint, Main St.
2236 – noise complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2255 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.

- Monday, June 8:**
0205 – domestic, Robbe St.
0739 – assault & battery, Carmell St.
1225 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1726 – private property/property damage accident, Anaheim
2031 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2047 – welfare check, Loza Ln.

- Tuesday, June 9:**
0409 – malicious destruction of property, N. Liberty
1444 – neighbor trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
1757 – suspicious person/vehicle, Astor
1858 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.

- Wednesday, June 10:**
0002 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1655 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1837 – fraud, Potter Dr.
2151 – larceny from auto, Main St.

- Thursday, June 11:**
0201 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
0334 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1234 – traffic offense, Capistrano Ct.
1843 – domestic, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1918 – vehicle lockout, Main St.

- Friday, June 12:**
0708 – welfare check, Main St.
0853 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1240 – malicious destruction of property, Carmell
1436 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1822 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main/Fifth
1851 – larceny, W. Wabash Ave.
2129 – noise complaint, Carmell
2143 – welfare check, W. Thornhill Ct.

- Saturday, June 13:**
0011 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.
0421 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hidalgo
1554 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.
2030 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr./Main
2036 – neighbor trouble, W. Columbia Ave.

There were three traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

- Sunday, June 7:**
0107 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0303 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0446 – 911 hang up, Washington St.
0617 – follow-up investigation, Country Club Blvd
0944 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1128 – malicious destruction of property, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1446 – suspicious person, Timberlane Dr.
1633 – civil matter, Hampshire Dr.
1720 – suspicious circumstances, Rustic Ln.
1727 – missing person, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1805 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2008 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2133 – suspicious circumstances, 22000 bl. Fenster
2147 – missing person, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.

- Monday, June 8:**
0206 – recovered runaway, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0728 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1119 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1314 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1459 – civil matter, Second St.
1517 – fire dept. assist, E. Arizona St.
1819 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
1825 – welfare check, Country Club Blvd.
2018 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
2031 – suspicious circumstances, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

- Rawsonville Rd.
2327 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.

- Tuesday, June 9:**
0519 – malicious destruction of property, Timberlane Dr.
0622 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0704 – larceny, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0712 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1104 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1206 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1214 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1307 – welfare check, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1347 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

- 1444 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1659 – alarm, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1803 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1831 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1956 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2148 – property damage accident, 42000 bl. Willis Ct.
2211 – alarm, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.

- Wednesday, June 10:**
0240 – suspicious circumstances, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1139 – malicious destruction of property, Creekside Dr.

- 1259 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1342 – larceny, Rustic Ln.
1401 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1442 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
1616 – suspicious circumstances, 20000 bl. Karr
1647 – civil matter, Stonecrest Dr.
1707 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Karr
1734 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1803 – 911 hang up, Carriage Ln.
2036 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
2040 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd
2128 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

- Thursday, June 11:**
0052 – noise complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
0307 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0528 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Harris
0832 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz / Carleton West
0912 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0956 – follow up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1118 – suspicious circumstances, Brookview Dr.
1219 – welfare check, Carriage Ln.
1318 – traffic complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1437 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
2020 – ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2021 – malicious destruction of property, Timberlane Dr.

- 2037 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Savage

- Friday, June 12:**
0343 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
0508 – traffic complaint, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
0826 – personal injury accident, 28000 bl. Clark
1427 – welfare check, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1616 – civil matter, Washington St.
1652 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1810 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1814 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

- 1927 – traffic complaint, Judd Rd./Fenster Ave.
2051 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Judd
2115 – mental health call, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2210 – suspicious circumstances, Edgewood Dr. / Rustic Ln.

- Saturday, June 13:**
1104 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1114 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1136 – patrol check, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1300 – suspicious person, Willis Rd./Rawsonville
1759 – civil matter, Redwood St.
1957 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville
2017 – follow-up investigation, Redwood St.
2306 – personal injury accident, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Also on this week’s log are two traffic stops, 26 patrol checks and nine miscellaneous details.

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\$250,000 grant for the seawall project that cut appropriations from the fund balance to \$65,000 instead of the original \$295,000. Also, the \$180,000 of the unbudgeted public safety millage covers the reduced constitutional sales tax revenue and reduced district court fines, among other items;

- Opened the one bid for fence work at Doane's Landing Park and accepted the \$26,500 bid from Eric Partridge of Outdoor Amenities. Rutherford recommended approval. Partridge will reinstall the fence along the seawall;

- Approved going out for bids for concrete restoration at Doane's Landing for a handicapped-accessible walk path along the fence and reinstallation of the benches. Rutherford said a split-rail fence needs to be replaced along the condos and this can be done in-house for about \$200. He said once the fence and walk are done the city will be ready to open the park back up. These are the last phases of the seawall project, he said;

- Heard Councilwoman Bates explain her suggestion to make Belleville parks smoke-free and after discussion Kobylarz was asked by the mayor to get the council some examples of such an ordinance for them to consider. Bates said Canton did this and she has heard of no issues there. She said the non-smoking would include vaping. She said

the number-one item for littering is cigarette butts and vape pumps often contain marijuana. Mayor Conley said in Canton, where she works, the ban is not something the police are enforcing because they have other priorities. It was pointed out the Fourth Street Square is not a park, so it wouldn't apply there. "I'd like to see it," said Councilman Ken Voigt. "Whether it gets enforced or not, it's a good example to set for public health." Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce interim director Mike Kole said the council could research an ordinance to accomplish this goal and that would include public hearings so people could comment. Renaud said, "It's a noble cause, but we haven't been able to keep dogs out of the Strawberry Festival ... It's worth a discussion";

- Learned an insurance claim was not filed on the broken tombstone in the cemetery, which was asked about at the last meeting. Kobylarz said she thought the claim had been filed, but the clerk elected not to file a claim. Kobylarz said she already been in touch with the city's insurance carrier, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) on that. The fence and gate have been repaired;

- Approved accounts payable of \$138,271.31 and the following purchases in excess of \$500 to: TownWeb, \$2,010 for annual website hosting/maintenance fee; and to Mueller Systems, \$1,109.10 for replacement of water meters;

- Heard Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte suggest the council invite State Rep. Kristy Pagan to a meeting to thank her in person for getting the \$250,000 Michigan Strategic Fund grant; and

- Heard Mayor Conley say the rally in Van Buren Township last Friday was "exceptional, so well-done." She said it was peaceful and passionate and people from this community and outside this community spoke. She said there were a lot of young people. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell was there and people were encouraged to vote. Conley also told about the Council of Western Wayne efforts with the NAACP and police chiefs to listen and learn and work for a better future. A press conference was set for June 16 and the first meeting is June 24 in Livonia. The local stop on the tour will be a unified Belleville/Van Buren/Sumpter meeting, she said.

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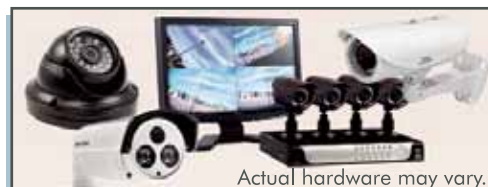
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BOOMING WITH ROOM



48024 BEMIS, VAN BUREN TWP
ORIGINAL OWNER 2,500 Square Foot Brick Colonial Offering 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Hardwood Floors Everywhere, Large Family Room with Fireplace, Basement, Huge Fenced Yard, 2 1/2 Car Garage. \$242,900

BELLEVILLE LAKE



42101 S I-94 SERVICE DR VAN BUREN
YOUR OWN PRIVATE WORLD A Total of 5,263 Square Feet! 4 Bedroom 3 Full and 2 Half Baths, INTERIOR POOL, High End Premium Built Brick 3 Level Home. 100+ Feet Lake Frontage, Double Dock-SAND BEACH. \$898,900

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PERFECT FOR COMPANY



13285 EDGE DALE, VAN BUREN
SENSATIONALLY SPACIOUS! Large 5 Bedroom 2 Bath Brick Home. Family Room, Fireplace, Premium Kitchen, New Roof in 2018, New Furnace in 2015. One of the Finest Neighborhoods in Van Buren Township. \$229,900

5 ACRES-3,000+ S F-BASEMENT



47037 HULL, VAN BUREN
CUSTOM BUILT 3,000+ Square Foot 4 Bedroom 3 1/2 Bath Home w First Floor Master, Family Room, Fireplace, Sunroom. Finished Basement, Second Garage This Property provides Unlimited Fun plus Deck on Five Landscaped Acres. \$385,000

2,332 SQUARE FEET



12828 MARTINSVILLE, VAN BUREN
THREE BEDROOM - TWO BATH RANCH Remodeled Kitchen, Hardwood Floors, Family Room, Covered Deck, Michigan Riverstone Fireplace, 90+ Three Zone Furnace and Central Air, Hot Tub and Newer Roof \$239,900

4,224 SQUARE FEET



23560 SUMPTER, SUMPTER TWP
RESIDENTIAL OR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. Possible Residential, Day Care, Group Home, Apartments or Your Ideas Large front covered porch. Fire System. 10 Bedrooms, 2 Apartment Kitchens, 5 Bathrooms. \$225,000

PRIME LOCATION



41405 TYLER, VAN BUREN
PRIME LOCATION. Corner of Haggerty and Tyler. Opportunity Awaits - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath Home. Large Lot with Larger 2 1/2 Car Detached Garage. This Property could be the key to a larger development parcel. \$135,000

LARGE BRICK RANCH



41577 MCBRIDE, VAN BUREN
KING SIZED BRICK and Vinyl Ranch 1,484 Sq Ft Ranch featuring 3 Large Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths 15X12 Living Room, 15X20 Family Room, Wallside Windows, Central Air, Deck, 2 1/2 Car Block Garage. \$150,000 Imm Occupancy

FOR SALE OR LEASE



500E HURON RIVER DR, BELLEVILLE
HIGHEST QUALITY BRICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE. Former Florist, Bakery and Coffee House. FINE DESIGN! For Sale at \$750,000 or Lease at \$4,500. Month Double Net.

THREE PARCELS A MOST BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY 20+ ACRES WEAR RD \$175,000
TORREY 2.48 AC PERC & SURV \$48,000
VACANT RAWSONVILLE 2.6 AC \$95,000
SUMPTER EXETER TWP 8 ACRES \$65,000
19 AC BREST ROAD TAYLOR \$550,000

COMMERCIAL CORNER OF ECORSE & WAYNE ROMULUS 4.27 ACRES \$350,000
CAPERNALL 8 AC EXETER TWP \$70,000
SAVAGE 1 ACRE SUMPTER TWP \$45,000
25817 SUMPTER 80X529 .97 AC \$20,000
24053 BOHN 3.3 ACRES SUMPTER \$67,000

SHERWOOD 37.55 AC BY WEAR \$225,000
28710 SUMPTER ROAD \$10,000
VACANT LOUISA "DREAM LOT" \$70,000
GRANT ROMULUS 1.8 ACRES LT IN \$65,000
HAGGERTY 1.5 AC VAN BUREN \$70,000
16265 DIX SOUTHGATE 1.6 AC \$155,000

7 PARCELS ON THE CORNER OF BEMIS AND MARTINSVILLE. PRICED \$50,000 TO \$60,000 EACH. BUILD YOUR DREAM
WILLIS SUMPTER 1.14 ACRES \$45,000
MORTON TAYLOR 1.8 ACRES \$25,000
10 AC BUNTON YPSILANTI TWP \$155,000

JUDD 10 ACRES SUMPTER TWP \$80,000
HURON TWP VAC CLARK .74 ACRES \$50,000
HURON TWP VAC OTTER 2.94 ACRES \$60,000
HURON TWP VAC ASH .87 ACRES \$55,000
HURON TWP VAC ASH .87 ACRES \$55,000
VACANT BALL ROMULUS .34 AC \$19,000

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